

## Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens

A Regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens was held on Thursday, February 4 2004 at the Troy Community Center. Chairman David Ogg called the meeting to order at 10 AM.

**Present:** David Ogg, Chairman  
Ed Forst, Vice-Chairman  
Bill Weisgerber, Member  
Steven Banch, Member  
Jo Rhoads – Member  
JoAnn Thompson, Member  
Jane Crowe, Member  
Merrill Dixon, Member  
Marie Hoag, Member  
Carla Vaughan, Staff

**Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Mary Kerwin, Mary Beth Halushka, Paula Fleming, Carol Pochodylo, Paul Kennedy

**Approval of Minutes**

Resolution # SC-2004-2-001  
Moved by Jo Rhoads  
Seconded by Merrill Dixon

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of Jan. 8, 2004 be approved as submitted.

Yes: 9  
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Addition of Program Fees item to agenda**

Resolution # SC-2004-2-002  
Moved by Bill Weisgerber  
Seconded by Merrill Dixon

RESOLVED, That an item about Program Fees be added under new business.

Yes: 9  
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

**Visitor Comments**

Mary Kerwin discussed the Troy School District's "report card" and handed out information about the grading system.

**Old Business:**

**Civic Center Task Force:** David Ogg reported that the task force has completed its report and will present it to City Council on February 16. The task force focused on what community members said they wanted and not on the financial aspect.

**Menu Situation in Senior Lunchroom:** David Ogg reported that the menu is in the February newsletter and the situation seems to be okay now. Carla has received the March menu in time for publication.

**Program Fees:** Bill Weisgerber reported on information he received from Carol Anderson regarding program fees. He suggested a \$25 fee for gardens with that fee being reduced to \$20 for those who attend a water conservation seminar. Carla will investigate the feasibility of the two fees, and try to get information on the speaker. A discussion was held about the \$4 fee for the senior newsletter and whether or not to charge Oakland Park Towers since their newsletters are delivered by a volunteer rather than through the mail. Since the newsletters will be available for free pick-up at the Community Center and since most Towers residents are low income, the Committee felt that there should be no charge for Towers residents.

**New Business**

None

**Reports**

**Park Board:** Merrill Dixon reported that the Sports Illustrated Sportstown award was discussed at the January meeting.

**Medi-Go:** Jo Rhoads reported that Medi-Go was featured in a national transportation magazine. She has proposed that Medi-Go offer transportation to support groups.

**Lunch Attendance:** There were **1356** meals served on **22** days at the Community Center in **September**. The average donation was **\$1.73**. **1993** homebound meals were delivered. There were **1511** meals served on **21** days at the Community Center in **October**. The average donation was **\$1.83**. **2251** homebound meals were delivered. There were **1215** meals served on **20** days at the Community Center in **November**. The average donation was **\$1.83**. **1689** homebound meals were delivered. There were **1160** meals served on **21** days at the Community Center in **December**. The average donation was **\$1.80**. **1953** homebound meals were delivered. There were **1202** meals served on **20** days at the Community Center in **January**. The average donation was **\$1.82**. **2251** homebound meals were delivered.

**Senior Program Report:** Carla reported that the monthly theme lunches are going well and that they have helped to increase attendance at the lunches. Creative Endeavors just completed an annual inventory with only \$15 worth of merchandise unaccounted for.

**OLHSA:** JoAnn Thompson reported that they had a speaker from the Visiting Physicians Association. This association makes house calls, and the house calls are covered by Medicare for qualifying individuals.

**Member Comments**

Bill Weisgerber reported that in Rochester they require that seniors make a reservation for lunch by 11 a.m. the previous business day.

Bill Weisgerber reported on the Troy AARP tax program and that the number of participants and volunteers are increasing.

Merrill Dixon reported that he uses the indoor walking track at OPC free of charge, and that it has a soft surface which is nice.

Ed Forst asked about the requested \$1 donation for the Area Agency on Aging speaker. Carla reported that due to budget cuts, the Area Agency is now requesting some compensation for speakers and all of the donation money will go to the AAA.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Ogg, Chairman

Carla Vaughan, Secretary